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Remarks

Brennescholtz, U.S. Patent No. 6,280,034, discloses in Fig. 7 an imaging system comprised of four beamsplitters [84, 85, 87, 88]. With respect to claims 42 and 48, the applicants have amended the claims to specify that the same beam-splitting element is used to separate and combine the first, second, and third primary colors, whereas *Brennescholtz* does not show, teach or suggest this implementation. Claims 42 and 48 are therefore patentable relative to *Brennescholtz*.

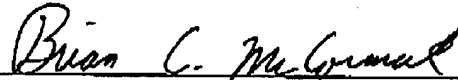
The claims depending from independent claims 42 (43-47), and 48 (49-55) are allowable for adding further limitations to their respective allowable base claims as well as for their own novel and nonobvious limitations.

The applicants believe that the presently pending claims differentiate from the prior-art of record, and applicants respectfully request reconsideration and early allowance of all claims.

If Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, the applicants request that Examiner contact the applicants' attorney at the below-listed telephone number and address. Applicants believe that no additional fees are required in connection with this filing. However, to the extent that fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 13-0480, Attorney Docket No. 95121961.029004.

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